(ii) Restructuring of Banks in India;

(iii) Profitability and Profit Planning in Banks;

(iv) Problems of Recovery and Mounting overdues in banks; and

(v) Long Range Planning in Banks.

A number of suggestions emerged as a result of these discussions relating to the above topics such as on: fixation of interest rates on bank deposits, valuation of securities, etc.—the issue of restructuring on which the consonsus was that in the present context this should mean modifying the internal structure of existing banks with a view to improving efficiency on the need for better cash and Investment management, careful planning of non-performing assets, economies in expenditure, diversification of bank business etc. in relation to profit planning—the need for strengthening of field level recovery machinery of banks, joint responsibility of Government and need for simplification of procedures and effective legislative measures for loan recoveries and on the need for long range planning to be itroduced by all banks.

Los$_s$ of man-days due to major industrial Strikes

791. DR, BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) the man-days lost since January, 1986 to June, 1986 due to major industrial strikes in the country; and

(b) the number of major strikes that took place during this period and the man-days lost thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRl P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) while information regarding individual strikes is not available, the industries that were most affected by strikes during January-April, 1986 were Cotton textiles, Basic metal & Alloy industries and Machinery, Machine tools £ parts. Based on the latest information received in the Labour Bureau, a statement on the number of strikes and mandays lost during January-April, 1986 in these industries is attached.

Statement

Industry group	No. of strikes	No. of mandays lost
Cotton Textiles	42	235,497
Basic Metals & Alloys Industries	21	96,512
Machinery , Machine Tools & Parts	21	72,651
All Industries	276	1,438,000

FALTA Free Trade Zone

793. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what progress has so far been made towards the setting up of FALTA Free Trade Zone in West Bangal in physical and financial terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRT BRAHM DUTT): The work on the FALTA Export Processing Zone is proceeding apace. 105 acres of land have been developed out of 185 acres already taken over. The boundary wall has been completed and the developed area notified by Customs. About 20 approvals have been accorded for the establishment of industrial units. Exports have already been reported from the Zone. The expenditure incurred on the development of the Zone and its infrastructure by the Central Government upto 31st March, 1986 is Rs. 5.93 crores.

Imports, exports and trade deficit

798. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE; Will the Minister of COMMER-